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Dear Members of the FCC:

Global Energy & Technology, Inc. has had a long-term relationship with SBC Pacific Bell. We are a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) and have been actively involved with the disabled veteran community for the past eleven years. I am the owner of Global Energy & Technology and I am a combat decorated and combat wounded Vietnam veteran.

I can tell you from my own experience: SBC Pacific Bell is an outstanding corporate citizen and the leader in support of the disabled veteran community. California has the largest association of service disabled veteran business owners, the California Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Alliance. Each year we give out the John K. Lopez award at our annual "Keeping the Promise" banquet to a person or corporation that most supports the disabled veteran community. The John K. Lopez award is the highest award given by the California DVBE Alliance. SBC Pacific Bell won the John K. Lopez award the first and second year it was available.

The following year SBC Pacific Bell received the National Patriot's Award from the California DVBE Alliance. This award is given to the corporation that has done the most to support disabled veteran owned businesses nationwide. It is a stand-alone tribute to SBC Pacific Bell for SBC Pacific Bell's outstanding support of disabled veterans. SBC Pacific Bell has now won the National Patriot's Award the last two years. No other corporation has won this distinguished award. Simply stated, there is no other corporation in America that has been as supportive of the disabled veteran community as SBC Pacific Bell.

In the news today we hear of too much corporate greed and misuse of power. However, SBC Pacific Bell has quietly contributed more to the disabled veteran community than any other corporation in America.

Joan Kerr the Director of Supplier Diversity for SBC Pacific Bell is located in California. Ms. Kerr is talented, knowledgeable and truly dedicated to corporate diversity. Scott Whitacre is a Director at SBC in charge of diversity and he is also located in California. He works for SBC Pacific Bell, but his job is to advocate for disabled veterans *within* SBC Pacific Bell. Together both Joan Kerr and Scott Whitacre lead a powerful team at SBC Pacific Bell contributing to the success of California's disabled veteran business enterprises. California disabled veterans have the leader in corporate diversity right here in our own back yard with SBC Pacific Bell's large site in San Ramon, California.

Although I cannot speak for SBC Pacific Bell, it is evident that the people of SBC Pacific Bell, by their actions in the California community, believe in fair and balanced rules. That is one of the many reasons I support SBC Pacific Bell's entry into the long distance market. Since the local market is open to competitors, it is only fair that SBC Pacific Bell be allowed into the long distance market.

Competition will be beneficial to all Californians. California has a large population and I am concerned that such a large group of citizens are being denied competition in telecommunications. I am also concerned and dismayed that the long distance entry process for SBC Pacific Bell has taken so long when other states have opened the door to long distance competition.

As a Californian I want a full, open telecommunications market. SBC Pacific Bell's entrance into the long distance market is good for the disabled veteran community, good for California, and good for America.

Very truly yours,

Ronald J. Greenwood